

Invisible Corps

In Officio Salutis
In Service of Health

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Who protects the health of the citizens of the United States? This program explains the evolution of the Public Health Service and the PHS Commissioned Corps, the only uniformed service in the world dedicated to public health. Although invisible, they touch millions of lives every day: from fluoridated water to an America free of malaria. This explores the politicization of public health and the potential for change that will affect the nations' health for years to come.

QUOTES:

“When you think of some of the most difficult, challenging tragedies or public health challenges that we've experienced over the last several decades, these are the folks who've been there from the start: after 9/11, after hurricanes, after Sandy Hook, after Deepwater Horizon or the Boston Marathon bomb. Commissioned Corps officers were the only United States Government asset to provide direct patient care to health care workers with Ebola in West Africa.”

President Barack Obama

“What we want to do, in the words of Ben Franklin, is to give you an ounce of prevention to save us from having to provide a pound of cure on the back end. That is public health. It's giving you complete streets, and access to fresh fruits and vegetables, so you don't get diabetes in the first place.”

20th U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams

“I think that they are the thread that transcends these different agencies, not just FDA, but when you look at CDC, NIH, the other operational components of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Corps officers play a really foundational role”

Former FDA Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb

“When you realize just how broad public health is and how so many of the components in society contribute to health from housing to education, to economic inequality, to security issues and safety, you realize that it's important for public health leaders to be at the table when decisions are being made across these different fields.”

19th and 21st Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy

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